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Town monitoring Carvana project

The Agawam City Council will consider a resolution opposing the project at a future meeting.

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM/SOUTHWICK – The Town of Agawam has not taken a formal position on a hot plate topic in the neighboring Town of Southwick, but the mayor said he is monitoring the situation closely.

Next month, the Agawam City Council will vote on a resolution brought forward by Councilors Rosemary Sandlin and Anthony

Suffriti to oppose the installation of a Carvana facility in Southwick. The proposal has brought an outcry of opposition from many Southwick residents due to the increased traffic and other negative factors of where it will be located. Major concerns in Southwick have resulted in stacked Planning Board meetings and multiple demonstrations among those that are opposed to the project. There are also “No Carvana” signs throughout the town.

The opposition has reached such a fever pitch that groups opposing Carvana are trying to rally the neighboring towns to Southwick against the project. They are

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Feeding Hills Center was recently reconstructed with wider turn lights, better traffic lights, and dedicated turn lanes. The Agawam City Council and town officials are considering whether it should oppose the project or not.

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“No Carvana” signs are erected throughout Southwick to oppose the project. Agawam traffic could be affected by creation of the 200,000-square foot facility.

Town working to address debris, full storm drains after heavy rains

By Shelby Macri
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AGAWAM – The Agawam Department of Public Works has a long list of things to do during the summer, but they are taking a detour and are focusing on storm cleanup work while the rain continues to fall.



Debris is all over town from downed trees and branches during the past two weeks.

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DPW Superintendent Mario Mazza said the storm work has been a lot of work and does take away from their seasonal work, such as street sweeping, filling potholes, repairing problematic sidewalks, and more work that is weather dependent. Filling pot holes and repairing sidewalks for example, if it rains the DPW can't

lay pavement, cement, or asphalt. If the rain is strong enough to last to the next day it makes it additionally hard to do the work they need to do.

“Potholes are an ongoing task, but they are a priority for us. We try to repair the pot holes and roads as fast as possible.” Mazza said. “With all the storms and rain, it is hard to do the street work we need to do, but it is a main focus for us.”

He said they also try to focus on trip-hazard sidewalks with cracks, or if roots start to push through pavement. These things haven't been addressed yet. When there is dry weather, residents can expect to see road and sidewalk work being done.

During the storm a few weeks ago the DPW was busy cleaning storm damage and debris from town trees, in the area around six flags and not inside as they handled their own storm cleaning. The DPW cleaned along their tree

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Vaccine options still available for COVID-19

By Shelby Macri
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AGAWAM – With the Delta variant of COVID-19 gaining attention in some parts of the country, people who have yet to be vaccinated for the virus are still being encouraged to receive the vaccine shots.

The town has been through many changes between initiating COVID-19 restrictions to lifting those restrictions and everything in-between. Residents should know that the town has lifted all restrictions.

The departments at Agawam Town Hall use their own discretion in their offices, including some departments having plexi-glass barriers up and only one person being allowed in an office space.

Appropriate signage and notices are posted inside and on the automated message for the Town Hall.

Public Health Nurse Sherry Petrucci said besides those exceptions at Town Hall, the

town has lifted restrictions everywhere in town.

Private businesses are able to continue masks at their own discretion as well, though few are doing that.

The town has ended their mass vaccine clinics as the town's supply of the vaccine has been exhausted.

Petrucci said she completed all homebound calls she received while they still had a vaccine supply. Without a supply, Petrucci said they are not making efforts for those residents unvaccinated, though there are alternative vaccination methods if people are interested in receiving the vaccine.

Petrucci said the state has recently enacted a mobile vaccine clinic. She said it's earmarked for schools and businesses, but companies can call to schedule a vaccination site for their building. Petrucci said the information and the num-

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Library to host series on extinct species

AGAWAM – The Agawam Library is pleased to virtually host the White Memorial Conservation Center in a four-part series on extinct species. Each Wednesday evening in July will feature a different species that became extinct. Participants will learn about the species lives and the reasons they became extinct. The first in the series will take place on July 7th and the species will be The Great Auk- a flightless seabird that became extinct in the

mid-nineteenth century. On July 14, we will take a look at the Thylacine. The Thylacine was an Australian marsupial that was once considered the largest known carnivorous marsupial before its extinction. The well-known Dodo Bird will be the topic for our presentation on July 21. The Dodo Bird was a flightless bird from the same family as today's pigeons and doves. Our last discussion in the series on July 28 will feature the Passenger Pigeon, which

became extinct in 1914. There is plenty to learn about these species! Each presentation take place virtually at 7:00 p.m.

The White Memorial Conservation Center is an Environmental Education Center and Nature Museum located in the heart of the 4,000-acre White Memorial Foundation, in the hills of northwestern Connecticut. We are grateful to the Agawam Cultural Council. This program is supported by a grant from the Agawam

Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. This series is also a part of our Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program. Please register for each week on our online events calendar found at www.agawamlibrary.org. This series will be held on Zoom. Participants will be emailed the program links on the day of the event. This program is free of charge and all are welcome.

Ziegert homicide investigation to be feature on 'Forensic Files'

SPRINGFIELD – This Sunday, Headline News's Forensic Files II will feature the Lisa Ziegert Homicide Investigation during the premier its new season this Sunday at 10 p.m. The show will profile the homicide investigation into the disappearance and murder of Ms. Lisa Ziegert on April 15, 1992 in Agawam.

The show will feature how the investigation narrowed to focus on Gary Schara, who later plead guilty to first degree murder on September 25, 2019. Included in the show will be members of the Ziegert family, Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni, and investigators who worked on the case.

After taking office in 2015, Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni, along with detectives and prosecutors from his office's Unresolved Case Unit, began taking a new approach in attempting to solve the then 23 year old murder case. Utilizing advancements in DNA testing and technology, specifically Parabon

Nanolabs's, DNA Phenotype testing, they were able to return to various lists of persons of interest that were developed over the years, and narrow the scope of the investigation.

In this review, a list was formed of notable individuals who previously refused to voluntarily provide samples for DNA testing. Gary E. Schara was one of these individuals. Upon the completion of this list, Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni convened a Grand Jury to begin an investigation. This investigation ultimately leads to troopers attempting to provide notice of a hearing to Schara. This contact led to Schara penning a number of documents that amounted to admissions to the crimes committed against Lisa Ziegert. These documents were provided to law enforcement, which lead to investigators of the Massachusetts State Police and Agawam Police Department encountering Schara in Connecticut and his eventual arrest on September 16, 2017.

Entries being accepted for short story contest

AGAWAM – As part of the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge the Agawam Library is having a short story contest for kids and teens. We are accepting entries through Aug. 6. To submit your story go to <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/teens/short-story-contest-for-kids-teens/>. Stories can be of any genre. Some examples are: autobiography, mystery, graphic novel, science fiction, etc. Illustrations are allowed. Stories

are can use words or can be told using only with illustrations. Stories cannot be longer than three pages. Authors can submit up to three entries during the contest. Stories must be family friendly.

Winners will get a small prize. All stories will be published online and bound into a book to be viewed at the Agawam Library. If you have any questions, please email pweingart@agawamlibrary.org.

West Springfield drive-in theater expanding operation

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The West Springfield Drive-In, located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition, begins operating seven days a week through Labor Day weekend with showings of "F9 – The Fast Saga" and "NOBODY" on Screen 1 and "Shrek" and "ET" on Screen 2. Movies change often and information on current viewings and tickets can be found at www.wsdrivein.com.

Located in the Exposition's Gate 9 parking area, the West Springfield Drive-In, in partnership with Eastern States Exposition, features two 45' by 60' screens and can accommodate 300 cars at each. This outdoor movie experience, under the stars, harkens back to the 50s, 60s and 70s when the drive-in movie experience created life-long memories for people of all ages. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Coming in July will be: "Boss Baby," "Black Widow" and "Space Jam 2."

Tickets are \$30 per vehicle. There is a \$6 extra charge per passenger for vehicles with more than six people. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$33 per car. Motorcycles are \$27.

A full concession stand is available for

guests to not only enjoy popcorn, but popular Fair foods such as fried dough, fried Oreos, cotton candy and more.

Combine an evening under the stars dining alfresco, Fridays or Saturdays, at either Storowton Tavern or The Sam Adams Beer Garden before your double feature movie experience. Tickets are \$75 and include a \$50 gift certificate to either restaurant and admission to the movie for one vehicle. Tickets are available online only and are not sold at the gate. Visit www.wsdrivein.com for details.

Dining rooms and patio are open for reservations or walk-in dining. Hours on Friday and Saturday are 11am to 9:30pm. For full menus, visit www.storowton.com.

Relax and enjoy your favorite Sam Adams brews paired with a menu of appetizers, burgers, pizzas, salads and more before heading over to the movies. Hours are 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. For full menus, visit www.thebig.com/bigsummer

Stay informed about all the happenings at ESE by visiting www.TheBigE.com to join the mailing list and connect through social media.

Volunteers needed for 'Faith on Fire'

AGAWAM – The Faith on Fire committee is looking for volunteers for the Faith on Fire Catholic Charismatic Rally 2021. The areas of need are: September 9 at 5 p.m. for set-up which includes putting up tents, bringing out tables and chairs etc... Friday, Sept. 10 during the rally to assist in any areas of need such as Greeters, nurses

or health professionals etc... Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. for take-down of tents, putting away tables and chairs cleaning up the grounds etc. Please contact our Pastoral Minister Deb Briancesco RN at 786-8200 ext. 3 with any questions and to sign up. We sincerely hope to see you as this is a most worthy cause, answering the call of the Holy Spirit.

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Committee reviews Velis veteran support bill

BOSTON – On Tuesday, July 6, the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs held a public hearing on legislation related to families of military members in Massachusetts. The committee is chaired by Representative Paul McMurtry (D-Dedham) and Senator John C. Velis, D-Westfield.

One of the bills heard was SB2433, An Act relative to military spouse-licensure portability, education and enrollment of dependents. Otherwise known as the SPEED Act, the legislation was filed by Chairman Velis to help military families in their transition to Massachusetts.

The bill would speed up the state professional licensure process for spouses of military members by eliminating current cumbersome processes and requiring the Division of Professional Licensure to respond to an application within 30 days, the timeframe recommended by the Department of Defense. This would make it easier for spouses to find new jobs upon arriving in Massachusetts.

The legislation also supports children of service members as well. By allowing rolling and virtual enrollment for students of military families who are moving to the Commonwealth, the legislation ensures that children will not miss any school because of their transition. The legislation also ensures that military children in college in Massachusetts will continue to receive in-state tuition rates regardless of if their military parent is reassigned out of the Commonwealth.

Lastly the legislation creates a Purple Star School Program to designate Massachusetts schools that have demonstrated a major commitment to military students and families by meeting specific state designated requirements. The Purple Star School Program, which was started in Ohio, encourages school districts to increase their supports for military families and helps families identify the schools that are best prepared to meet their needs.

In September of 2019, the Secretary of Defense defined a fourth line of effort to

the National Defense Strategy to support the wellbeing of military families. Military spouse licensure was designated as a key initiative in this effort. The Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act requires the Department of Defense and each of the military services to produce annual basing decision scorecards at the state and installation level considering military family readiness issues, with one of the top criteria being interstate portability of licensure credentials.

In his testimony to the committee, Chairman Velis noted that the Department of Defense looks closely at these issues when considering whether a state should be selected for a mission assignment.

“These changes will ensure that we are doing everything in our power to ease transitions for these families who are already sacrificing so much for us. These changes are also an important signal to the Department of Defense that our military installations are primed with support

and that we are a viable state for future investments,” stated Chairman Velis. “Part of any evaluation on Massachusetts military installations, like the ongoing Airforce evaluation of Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield, includes looking at how our Commonwealth supports military families. Projects like these bring enormous economic development and federal investments to our Commonwealth and this legislation will only improve our chances of being selected.”

Christopher Arnold, Northeast Region Liaison for the Department of Defense-State Liaison Office, testified in support of the legislation during the hearing. “Massachusetts is a state that has long been a home – permanent and temporary – to the worthiest men and women in the United States military who serve and sacrifice for our country,” stated Arnold. “This impressive legislation would make Massachusetts a nationwide leader in addressing quality-of-life issues for military families.”

Soldier On! holding golf tournament

AGAWAM – General Dynamics Mission Systems – Pittsfield (GDMS) is hosting its 10th annual golf tournament to benefit Soldier On! The tournament will be held at Wyndhurst Manor & Club in Lenox, MA and will be open to the public. Even if you are not an experienced golfer, GDMS is planning a fun day with raffles, auctions, lunch (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.), and a closing dinner; so please consider coming out and joining us!

The 2019 tournament raised more than \$59,000 for Soldier On, which was possible with your participation and generosity.

GDMS will be hosting two separate flights on the day of the tournament. They do expect the flights to fill up quickly, so sign up beginning June 30 to get your preferred timeslot (7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.). The tournament is captain and crew format and will be a shotgun start.

The cost to play is \$135 per golfer or \$540 for a team. The price includes 18-holes of golf with a cart, hole-in-one

contests, lunch and dinner.

Additional Team Registration Details:

If your desired tee time is not available, GDMS highly encourages participants to sign-up for the Waitlist. GDMS has reserved spots for sponsors and if those are not purchased then they will be working through the Waitlist on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Below are the rules regarding how GDMS will be handling team registration and waitlisting. This ruleset applies equally to all teams.

- Participant registration is first come, first serve and all sign-ups and payments will be through the website provided above.
- From the time your team is registered, you have 72 hours to pay the registration fees for the total number of slots you reserved to guarantee your slot.
- If you do not submit your payment in the 72-hour window your team will be given a warning and then moved to the

bottom of the waiting list if no open slots remain.

- If your preferred flight fills up before your team is registered, you will be given the option of joining the other flight if slots remain.
- If you commit to the other flight, you can choose to remain on the waitlist for your preferred flight.
- If you cannot commit to the other flight, you can still choose to remain on the

waitlist for your preferred flight.

- If slots become available leading up to the tournament, teams remaining on the waitlist will be contacted to register.

If you are interested in playing but do not have a complete team of four there are options when registering to sign up as a single, twosome, and threesome on the website. The GDMS Golf Committee will match your group accordingly with another incomplete group to create a foursome.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. John’s

AGAWAM – All are welcome and invited to join us at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, for Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesdays, 12 noon to 5:45

p.m. with Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Come and spend some time in quiet prayer with our Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist.

Church announces open house dates for pre-school

AGAWAM – “In the Beginning” Pre-school, located at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam, is hosting several open houses during the month of July:

Thursday, July 15, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 17, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 18, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 20, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The preschool opened its doors in November 2020 with a blessing from Bishop William Byrne. Temporarily housed in the gymnasium, in June 2021, the preschool moved to its permanent location within the Pastoral Center. The public is invited to attend one of the open houses, or call to schedule a private tour with Claire Riberdy, Interim Preschool Director, 413-786-8105.

ARREST LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 1,180 calls for service from July 5 to July 11 and recorded the following arrests. No arrests in the public log have been omitted. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, July 9

Judd Jackson, 29, of 67 Basil Road, Chiscopee, was arrested at 1:46 a.m. for operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of a property damage incident, marked lanes violation, and wanton destruction of property over \$12,000.

Meghan Jessica Regan, 28, of 418 Meadow St., Agawam, was arrested at 8:23 p.m. on a straight warrant.

Christopher James Murray, 33, of 418 Meadow St., Agawam, was arrested at 8:25 p.m. for operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, possession of a Class A drug, and marked lanes violation.

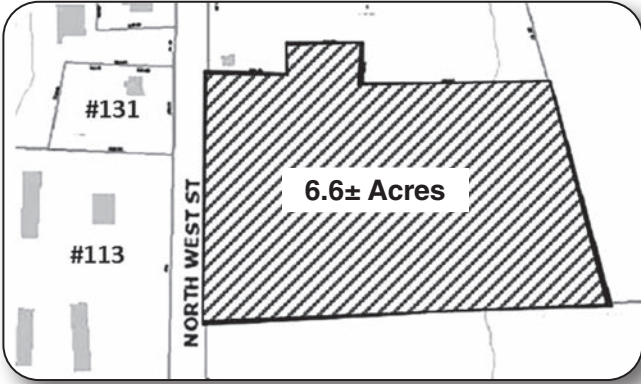
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Troubles with tomatoes

I haven't been blessed with a ripe home-grown tomato just yet. Cabbage, kale and broccoli yes, but no tomatoes. Not to discourage my 12-year-old's new found affinity for this fruit, I bought a vine of three from the store and promptly placed it on my windowsill. Within a day or two one showed an impressive crack. I chuckled a bit, thinking that wherever these tomatoes were grown, they too must have been part of the recent deluge of rain we've been experiencing. Enough rain to stretch the skin and cause it to burst. No better time than the present to share with you the maladies that you may experience once your own fruit begins to ripen!

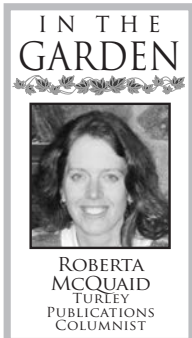
Blossom end rot occurs when there is trouble with calcium absorption, and is characterized by leathery brown or black spots on the bottom of the fruit. Usually it is seen on the first few developing tomatoes. The plan of action for this year would be to regulate your watering, since calcium assimilation can get botched up when plants suffer from drought. Applying a layer of mulch will help to encourage the deep rooting that is essential for nutrient transmission. If by chance you are growing a new variety of tomato and are experiencing blossom end rot for the first time, consider switching to another variety; some are more susceptible to it than others. I have seen this in my own garden with certain paste types. This problem can also be seen on peppers and eggplants. A soil test may provide answers for future tomato growing.

Another problem that is evident on the blossom end or bottom of the tomato is called catface. Severe scarring or ridges are seen on the first fruits and very last fruits of the season, especially on large types. This problem is caused by low temperatures (60 to 65 daytime and 50 to 60 nighttime) that injure flower buds. Use row covers or other devices to protect tomato plants from cool temperatures, and experiment with varieties especially suited for the north, since they are used to our varying New England temperatures. Since we did experience some chilly nights off and on in June, and even the first days of July, I will be curious to see if we have this situation brewing in my garden.

Fruit cracking around the stem, either in rings or radiating downward is caused by overwatering; recently we may blame Mother Nature. Keep in mind that most veggies require about an inch or rain per week. Adjust your irrigation so that you aren't providing too much water. As mentioned above, mulches do well to moderate soil moisture; if you mulch, you can water less often. If cracking ends up being a big problem for you, consider scouring the seed catalogs for varieties that are resistant to it. Juliet is one I am familiar with.

Another problem many gardeners experience is a condition called yellow shoulders, in which tomatoes never ripen fully on the top or stem end. This is usually a genetic problem, but it can be lessened by allowing the fruit to ripen slowly under the cover of surrounding foliage rather than out in the open. High organic matter content and a pH of 6.4 or lower is said to help with this condition.

I hope I didn't scare you right out of the garden! Sure, some of your tomatoes may look a little funny now and then, but don't despair, most problems are easi-



IN THE GARDEN
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Guest Column

When should I claim my survivor benefit?

By Russell Gloor

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Dear Rusty: My wife passed away in 2014. I'm 60-years-old and have been retired since August 2020. I know I'm entitled to survivor benefits, but my question relates to when to file for them. To say the information online is confusing is an understatement. Some background. My wife was born in 1960, and would have turned 62 next year. I was born in 1960, and turned 60 this past April. I do not plan on taking my Social Security until age 67 (I could wait until age 70 if it is more beneficial). I have not remarried. When should I file for survivor benefits to maximize the benefit? Signed: Surviving Husband

Dear Surviving Husband: Survivor benefits reach maximum when you reach your full retirement age (67), but you can claim a reduced survivor benefit as early as age 60. The amount of your survivor benefit will be determined by a) the benefit your wife had earned up to the month she passed, and b) your age when you claim the survivor benefit. At age 67 you would get 100% of the amount your wife was entitled to when she passed; if you claim at age 60 you would only get 71.5% of the benefit amount your wife had earned up to her death. The reduction may, or may not be, acceptable to you depending on your personal circumstances.

First, you should be aware that if you claim your survivor benefit before your full retirement age (FRA) and return to work, you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings test which limits how much you can earn before Social Security takes away some of your benefits.

The earnings limit for 2021 is \$18,960 (changes annually) and if that is exceeded, Social Security will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. The earnings limit applies until you reach your full retirement age, although the limit is much higher and the penalty less severe in the year you attain FRA. If your earnings prior

to your FRA are high enough, it could disqualify you from receiving a survivor benefit. Of course, if you are not working and do not plan to return to work, the earnings test is not a concern.

Assuming you are fully retired from working, here are some things to consider:

- Claiming your survivor benefit now at age 60 would permit you to receive 71.5% of the survivor benefit for at least seven years (until you reach your FRA), or perhaps longer until you are 70. Although the survivor benefit would be reduced, claiming it at age 60 would also permit you to delay taking your own Social Security benefit until age 70 when your personal benefit would be 24% more than it will be at your FRA. The above would be prudent if your age 70 (or 67) benefit amount will be higher than the survivor benefit you would be entitled to at your full retirement age.

- If your survivor benefit at your FRA would be more than your own benefit will be at age 70, then it would be wisest to maximize your survivor benefit. To maximize your survivor benefit you must wait until age 67 (your FRA) to claim it. If your full survivor benefit will be the highest you can get, then maximizing it by waiting until your FRA to claim it is your smartest move.

So, as you can see, you have a choice of when to claim your survivor benefit. If your personal benefit at age 70 would be higher, it would be wise to claim your survivor benefit first (at age 60) and collect the reduced survivor benefit until you later switch to your own higher benefit. But if your survivor benefit at maximum would be more than your age 70 benefit, then waiting until your full retirement age of 67 to claim your survivor benefit would be your best choice.

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A missed sign spoils a surprise, but hearts connect

By Julie Midura

I remember the first time Tom and I encountered a backpacker while we were out in the woods on a day hike.

After the man passed us, I declared, "I love hiking, but there is no way I'd want to lug all of that gear on my back just to spend a night in the middle of the woods. At the end of a long day of hiking, I just want a hot shower and a juicy burger."

Fast forward to the present day, with dozens of backpacking trips under our belts. The hot shower has been replaced with an ice-cold stream, and the juicy burger has been replaced with food that is eaten out of the bag it has been cooked in.

And, we wouldn't have it any other way!

Although Tom and I love day-hiking, backpacking allows us to unplug from the chaos of the world for more than just a single day. Falling asleep to the sounds of nature while cocooned between the paper-thin walls of our three-person tent brings the outdoor experience to the next level.

Which is why I chose to celebrate the birthday that brings me closer to 60 than to 50 not at a spa but

backpacking through the Pemigewasset Wilderness of New Hampshire. I wanted to prove to myself that age is just a number and that I am stronger and more capable than what the date on my birth certificate would suggest.

A 48-mile hike over 12 4,000-foot mountains would do just that.

If you're ultra impressed with our extraordinary feat of endurance and physical prowess, don't be. We didn't complete the loop in one night. We didn't even get it done in two. Rather, we started at 7 p.m. on a Thursday and finished at noon on a Tuesday. Yes, that means that we were out there for six days.

If we are to receive any accolades, it should be due to the fact that we managed to remain married after hiking up and down mountains all day and then sleeping side by side in a tent for five nights with no shower.

One of the numerous highlights of our extraordinary trip was receiving a video from my daughter midway through our hike, when Tom and I were on the ridge between Galehead Mountain

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doing this despite the fact the neighboring towns do not have any power to stop Southwick's Planning Board from approving the project.

In Southwick, the proposal is calling for a 200,000-square foot facility. There would be room on the proposed site for 8,200 cars and would generate an estimated 2,600 vehicle trips per day through the area, including 90 trips by car carriers. There are 400 employees working in two shifts scheduled for the facility. The facility would be used by Carvana to fix, maintain, wash, and prepare cars for sale through its online buying format.

For Southwick, it would generate approximately \$900,000 in property taxes, almost 10 percent of its yearly operating budget minus what is spent on schools.

If city councilors were to vote in favor of the resolution, it would send their resolution and their desire to see the project not go forward to the Southwick Planning Board and other town officials.

Mayor William Sapelli said the traffic issues the project could create are of great concern. He and the Agawam Planning Department have reached out to Southwick and sought information on the project.

Southwick Select Board member Russ Fox said the town is aware of the concerns of its neighbors, which also includes Westfield. Ultimately, the final approval belongs to the Planning Board, which must approve a special permit for the use of the property in an industrial-restricted zone. A special permit in Southwick, however, requires a "super majority," which is four of their five members voting in favor.

"Southwick is looking to bring a large business to town, to help with a tax base and jobs in town. I think it's great that they want to improve the community with this, but you have to look at it from all angles," Sapelli said. "We have to weigh everything out, the good and bad. Traffic is a main focus for us."

Sapelli said he and the Planning Board are looking at different traffic options and impact that the Carvana would bring, including truck traveling through Agawam and Feeding Hills where there's access to highways and routes like Route 202.

Sapelli and the Planning Board will assess the traffic options and the most possible routes trucks and cars would take to get to the Carvana, they'll speak to Southwick if they find a large traffic issue or anything else concerning the town.

They want to look at the possible impact on main roads, routes and highways, and residential roads and streets especially. They are trying to make sure the residents won't be largely impacted by the noise and traffic associated with the business. While Sapelli understands the appeal of the business, he's going to be looking out for Agawam and Feeding Hills to make sure the town isn't negatively impacted by another town's opportunity.

The continuation of the public hearing in Southwick is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

The city council resolution was new business for the July 12 meeting. The result of that meeting was not available at press time and will be included in next week's edition of the Agawam Advertiser News.

Staff Writer Shelby Macri contributed to the content of this story.

VACCINE ■ from page 1

ber for the mobile vaccines will be on the state's website as they are in charge of the mobile vaccine clinics.

There is also a call list for others looking to be vaccinated. They have to find the number on the state website as well, but they will be placed on a wait list for vaccines after they give all the needed information. People can check on <https://www.mass.gov> for the mobile vaccine and the wait list.

Locally, there are four sites in town that continue to carry vaccines for residents. They are the two CVS pharmacies in town, Walgreens, and the Stop & Shop Pharmacy. Residents can call or visit those locations for more information on

receiving a vaccine.

It is not known how many residents in Agawam have received their vaccine. Petrucci said she does not have exact numbers for those vaccinated in town, and would have to specifically request that information from the state. She believes the number of active cases in town has dwindled to near zero as many people are vaccinated and new cases numbers are very low throughout the state.

Those interested in getting a vaccine can call or visit the pharmacies in town, or the state programs of the mobile vaccine clinic and the call list. People can visit the Health Department's page on the town website or call the department for more information at <https://www.agawam.ma.us> or call 413-786-0400.

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Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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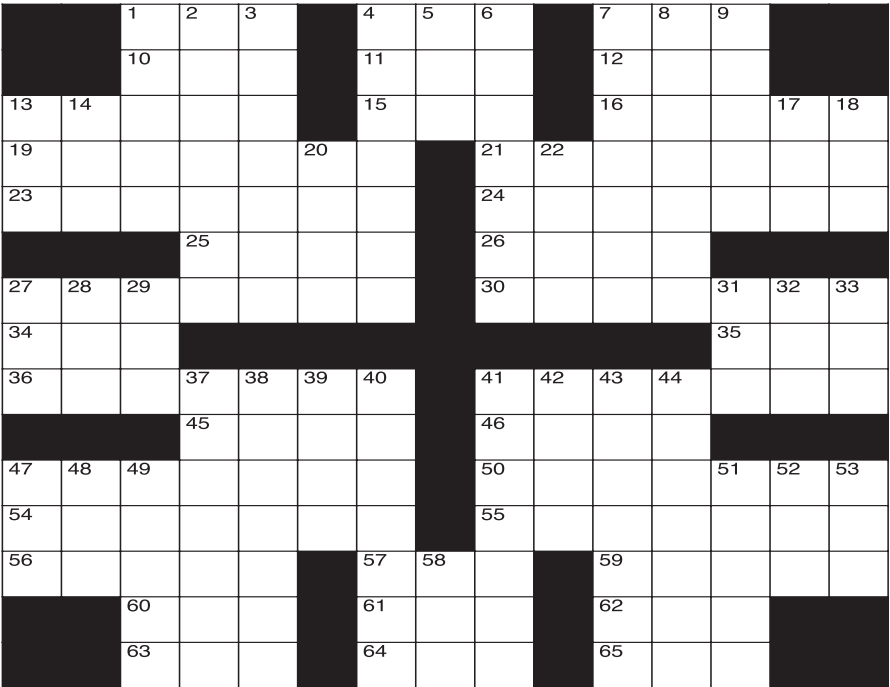
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4. Payroll firm

7. Monetary unit of Macao

10. Cooking vessel

11. Cow sound

12. Hairpiece

13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument

15. Mother

16. Remove from record

19. Foolish

21. Mailman

23. Unit of data size

24. Stirred

25. Deceptive movement

26. We all have one

27. Direct from pasture beef animal

30. A person's own self

34. Helps little firms

35. Deep, red-brown sea bream

36. Tumbler

41. A short section of a musical composition

45. Young woman (French)

46. Wings

47. Wine bottles

50. Thin layers of rock

54. Opposite to

55. American state

56. Uncertainty about something

57. Basics

59. Indian seaport

60. Owed as a debt

61. Buffer solution

62. Unit of work or energy

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. One point south of due east

65. Born of

CLUES DOWN

CLUES DOWN

1. Small stem bearing

2. Female Bacchanalians

3. Mediterranean city

4. Measures electric current

5. Arrived extinct

6. Edible butterflyfish

7. Causing wonder or astonishment

8. Behaviors showing high moral standards

9. Ancient Irish alphabets

13. Footballer Newton

14. Utilize

17. Sum of absolute errors

18. Opposite of the beginning

20. Shoe company

22. Algerian port city

27. Girls organization (abbr.)

28. Type of cell (abbr.)

29. Swiss river

31. When you hope to get there

32. Fall behind

33. Expresses distaste, disapproval

37. Volume containing several novels

38. Less sharp

39. Food for the poor

40. Having made a valid will

41. Royal estates

42. Relating to wings

43. Japanese three-stringed lute

44. Taking something through force

47. Angry

48. Before the present

49. Showy ornaments

51. Norway

52. Comedienne

53. Consume

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STORM ■ from page 1

belt as it's town property, for those with tress on their land that's considered private property and the residents must clean the damage. Though Mazza gave some information on tree cleaning for residents to consider during the upcoming storms.

Mazza says residents have two options to dispose of their debris and leaf and yard waste, including the regular trash pick-up and drop of at Bondi's Island off Route 5 in Agawam.

There is also a residential curbside collection that collects yard waste eight times a year, twice in the spring, once in late spring and mid-summer, and four times in the fall; there is a schedule on the town website for specific collection dates. There are guidelines on packing waste and debris for both options.

Storm debris like tree limbs must be three inches or less in diameter and they must be tied in bundles no more than three feet in length and no more than 40 pounds in weight. Mazza said residents can put those appropriate bundles with their regular trash on their regular collection day; though yard waste like shrub and grass clippings, leaves, weeds, and more should be deposited on the scheduled curbside collection days.

The same guidelines apply if residents want to drop off waste at Bondi's Island; tree stumps, limbs, shrubs, and brush over three inches in diameter will either cost additional money or will not be accepted.

Typically, residents need to obtain a waste pass for the Island but due to COVID-19 and the federal and state emergency declarations, waste passes will not be required for Bondi's Island until further notice. Residents must show a driver's license for proof of Agawam residence, additionally vehicle registration will be needed at the time of drop off.

The storm work the DPW is doing including cleaning debris on town property and tree lines, as well as cleaning the tops of catch basins so the storm water can get through. The tops of the catch basin's often get covered by debris like leaves, grass, and smaller limbs.

Mazza said while they will be going around clearing the basins; the DPW will accept help from residents in clearing the tops of catch basins if a resident has a basin in front of

or close to their house.

As for tree damage during storms, Mazza said they typically pick of smaller debris but they had a tree hit by lightning and they had to go to the scene to assess the damage and call a professional to inspect and take care of the removal. Residents with broken tress and debris from storms bigger than three inches in diameter should call private companies for removal as well. Residents can also prepare for storms by trimming trees that are on their property and close to their house. Mazza said there was only one report of a tree falling on a home in the past storms, but trimming and removing trees ahead of storms can help homeowners in the long run.

For more information on the DPW services people can look at the Public Works page of the town website. If people want to know more about storm debris and yard waste they can visit the Leaf and Yard Waste page on the town website. Go to the Public Works page, then the Trash and recycling tab, Leaf and Yard Waste will be under that tab on the town website at <https://www.agawam.ma.us>.



The recent weather has led to lots of standing water due to overfilled catch basins that cannot keep up with the rain.



The DPW is working feverishly to clean up loose debris throughout the town.

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SOFTBALL

Brownies season ends in semifinals

AGAWAM – Late last month, the final game of the season for Agawam High School softball took place in the semifinals as Agawam fell 6-2 to Westfield. Agawam trailed 3-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning before a three-run home run gave Westfield the advantage it needed to complete the victory and move on to the Western Mass. finals. Agawam's season ended at 7-7.



Lauren Plakias makes a toss back to the pitcher.



Hannah Cahill makes a catch in center field.



Pitcher Sarah Ross delivers a pitch in the sixth inning.

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SOCCER

Murphy's pair beats Agawam in summer soccer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It's hard to believe, but the start of the fall high school sports season is about eight weeks away.

The Monson and Agawam girls soccer teams are preparing for the upcoming season by playing in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League. The only meeting of the summer league regular season between the two squads was played in a downpour during the first half. The rain stopped at the beginning of the second half and Tennessee Murphy, who's one of the returning varsity players for Monson, scored a pair of unassisted goals giving her team a 2-0 shutout victory at Harmon A. Smith Field in Agawam, last Thursday night.

"We did lose a lot of seniors from last year's team, and we're going to be a much young younger team this year," said Murphy, who's going to be a freshman. "Playing in this summer league will help us get ready for the regular season."

Monson (6-1) entered the road match tied for first place in the PVSSL A-Division standings with East Longmeadow North.

Monson, who's lone loss this summer came against East Longmeadow North, finished the COVID-19 shorten 2020 regular season with a 5-0 overall record.

Eric Degnan, who's the Monson girls' varsity soccer coach,

has been preparing for the 2021 season since the day after his team defeated South Hadley, 2-1, on a frigid afternoon at Larry Tassinari Field in Monson, last November. Degnan, who isn't allowed to coach the summer league team under MIAA rules, watched last week's game in Agawam from behind the fence along with the parents.

"Coach Degnan has come to almost all of our summer league games," Murphy said. "He gets to watch the younger players and the returning varsity players play."

Under the new state tournament format, which begins in the fall, the Monson girls' soccer team will be competing in Division 5. Agawam, who went 7-1 last fall, will be competing in Division 2.

Agawam had a 2-3-2 summer league record following the home loss.

"I think we still have a very good chance of making the summer league playoffs this year," said Agawam summer league coach Frank DeGeorge. "We've had a lot of players on vacation, so we haven't had our whole team in very many games."

A couple of minutes into the opening half of the summer league match, Agawam starting goalkeeper Kayla Santucci made an outstanding diving save on a breakaway shot attempt by Monson's Emilia Finnegan, who's go-

SOCCER

Pioneers stay hot, win league title

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Just like in 2019, the Western Mass. Pioneers are the 2021 USL League Two Northeast Division regular season champions.

Unlike in 2019, the Pioneers players and coaches will not be making a five-hour bus trip to Reading Pennsylvania to play their first playoff match.

The Pioneers, who finished atop the league standings for only the fifth time since they were founded in 1997, defeated Black Rock FC, 4-1, before a large crowd at historic Lusitano Stadium, last Friday night.

"Our first goal before the start of the season was to qualify for the league playoffs. The second

goal was to finish in first place in our conference, which we did tonight," said Pioneer's head coach Federico Molinari. "We have a group of very talented players on this year's team."

The Pioneers, who were scheduled to wrap-up the regular season at Seacoast United on Sunday night, had a 10-1-2 overall record following the final regular season home match against Black Rock.

A total of 26 USL League Two teams will be competing in this year's playoffs.

The Pioneers will be hosting the Eastern Conference quarterfinals and semifinals at Lusitano Stadium this weekend.

"Being able to host the playoffs is very special for our club and for the community," Moli-

nari said. "I'm excited that the playoffs will be played here for the first time in many years."

Two quarterfinal matches are scheduled to be held at Lusitano Stadium on Friday. The Pioneers will be playing in the second match at 7:30 pm. The two quarterfinal winners will face each other in the conference semifinals at 7pm on Saturday night. The playoff seedings were scheduled to be announced earlier this week.

The ticket prices for the playoff matches at Lusitano Stadium on both Friday and Saturday are \$10 per person.

The Eastern Conference finals and the National semifinal



Samir Regragui tries to avoid traffic in the midfield.



Tyshawn Rose looks to avoid an opponent.



Nichols Oberrauch dribbles away from the sideline.

PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY

Sports

Pole wins race at Hudson Speedway

WALPOLE, N.H. -- Joey Pole wasn't going to be denied on Sunday evening, July 11, at Hudson Speedway. The veteran Pro Stock competitor dominated the 100-lap Granite State Pro Stock Series return to the high-banks, driving the No. 97 into Victory Lane for the second time this season. With the win -- Pole became the first driver to win two races in the first five events -- and did it in impressive fashion -- passing young rising star Casey Call for the lead early and never looking back.

Pole crossed the line nearly seven seconds ahead of his closest challenger -- which at the tight New Hampshire oval -- is nearly half the track. Call, who led the first eight laps from the outside pole and challenged Pole for the lead in the first quarter of the race, finished second. New series points leader Gabe Brown drove to a third-place finish.



Joey Pole won the 100-lap race at Hudson Speedway on Sunday night. SUBMITTED PHOTO

"That was unbelievable, the car was really good last time we were here and it was good, if not better tonight," Pole said. "It was fun racing with Casey, and it's so cool to be able to come here twice this year and win two of them."

Pole started on the outside of the third row, but quickly worked his way to the front. He passed for the second spot on lap eight, and drove around Call one lap later to the lead. The first 15 laps of the race were marred with trouble -- with Kevin Casper

spinning in turn three early, then Angelo Belsito and Mike Mitchell getting together off turn two just a few laps later. When Belsito and Mitchell tangled, Kevin Casper, Kevin Folan and Bobby Cabral were collected in the crash, all with extreme damage that ended their efforts for the night.

From there, the race was clean and green -- amid a few sprinkles of rain. Pole drove away from the pack, lapping all the way up close to the top-five by the end of the race. Behind Pole, Call and Brown was Cory Casagrande in fourth and Bryan Kruczek, driving for Bobby Webber Racing, in fifth spot. Pole, Belsito, David Oliver and Kruczek have been to Victory Lane in the first five races of the year.

The second-place effort was a career best for Call.

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matches are scheduled to be held the following weekend. The Pioneers also submitted a bid to the league to host those matches if they're still playing in the tournament.

The date of the National Championship match is July 31 at the site of the highest remaining seed.

The Pioneers captured the USL D-3 Pro League championship title in 1999. They lost a heartbreaker to the Charlotte Eagles in a penalty shootout in the 2005 USL Second Division championship match, which was played before more than 4,000 people at Lusitano Stadium. It was the last time that the Pioneers hosted a playoff match.

Seven of the players listed on this year's Pioneers roster were members of the 2019 squad, which captured the Northeast Division title with an 11-0-3 record. Those seven players are Federico Gutierrez, Maxi Viera, Guillermo Deal, Blake Mullen, Fed-

erico Ucar, Khalid Rose, and Connor Hicks, who's from Monson.

"It feels great winning back-to-back Division titles," said Gutierrez, who's the Pioneers captain. "We do have a large group of returning players, which is our strength. We also have a couple of very good first-year players."

One of the Pioneers newcomers is midfielder Ignacio Lerech, who's looking forward to playing in Friday's home playoff match.

"We always have the advantage whenever we play at home," Lerech said. "Our fans are great and they're always here supporting us even in the rain. This is a special team."

Lerech, who scored 11 goals and had four assists in the Pioneers first 13 matches of the regular season, was named as the USL League Two Player of the Month for June.

"It's a special award but winning the

conference title with these guys feels even better," Lerech added. "No matter where I play soccer in the future, a little piece of my heart will always be here with the Pioneers."

Molinari is proud of Lerech for being named as the Player of the Month, but he quickly pointed out that it took a whole team effort for him to be selected for the award.

"Ignacio was selected as the Player of the Month, but he had ten other players on the field helping him," Molinari said. "We're a team and that's the main reason why we've been so successful this year."

Another first-year member of the Western Mass. Pioneers is forward Patrick Agyemang, who's header in the 57th minute gave the home team a 2-1 lead.

"Being a member of this soccer team has been a great experience for me," Agyemang said. "We haven't hosted a playoff game in a long time and we're real-

ly looking forward to it."

The Pioneers took a 1-0 during the sixth minute when midfielder Samir Regragui received a pass from Rose before firing a low shot into the right corner of the net.

Black Rock, who finished their season with a 4-7-3 record, tied the score on a goal by Kelvin Mutaya Mwape ten minutes later.

It was the only goal allowed by Western Mass. goalie Blake Mullen, who was credited with four saves.

The score remained tied until Agyemang's header twelve minutes into the second half, which was assisted by Lerech.

The Pioneers final two goals of the home match were scored by Martin Oyenard and Deal, who were both substitutions during the second half.

It was also the third consecutive match that the Pioneers scored at least four goals. They'll be looking to continue that streak in the playoffs.

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ing to be a junior.

Santucci, who'll also be a junior, played the entire first half, while Clara Laudato, who'll be a senior, was Agawam's goalie during the second half.

"I thought both of our goalkeepers played fantastic tonight," coach DeGeorge said. "They made a couple of outstanding saves, which kept us in the game."

Santucci made another save on a shot by Murphy in the middle of the first half.

With less than ten minutes remaining in the first half, Agawam had a golden opportunity to take a 1-0 lead. A shot attempt by Emily DeGeorge skipped on the wet turf field past Monson goalie Emily Provost, who made the save on the rebound shot.

This past spring, DeGeorge was a junior on the Agawam girls' lacrosse team, which lost to Longmeadow in in the Central/West Division 1 finals. She'll be playing college lacrosse at Bryant University in a couple of years.

While Agawam used two goalies in the

summer league match, Provost, who'll probably be the starting keeper for the junior varsity squad, played the entire match.

The starting keeper for Monson varsity team could be Sam Stewart, who's going to be a junior. She didn't attend the Agawam game.

In the final seconds of the first half, Santucci made a save on a long free kick taken by Aniah Myrie, who'll be a sophomore.

About ten minutes into the second half, Murphy fired a shot off the left post into the net. However, the goal was disallowed by

the referees because a Monson player was offside on the play.

Murphy finally broke the ice during the 21st minute of the second half by lofting a shot into the right corner.

During the next 10 minutes, the duo of Finnegan and Murphy had a couple of shots saved by Laudato.

With less than two minutes remaining in regulation, Murphy netted her second goal with a low shot into the left corner of the net.



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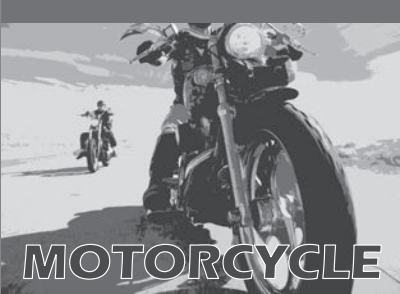


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Swistak makes Dean's List at RIT

ROCHESTER, NY – Justin Swistak of Feeding Hills was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2021 Spring Semester. Swistak is in the software engineering program.

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Public Notices

**AGAWAM
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
LEGAL AD**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet remotely at **6:00 PM on Thursday, July 22, 2020.** Information on how to join this **remote meeting** will be available on the Town of Agawam website at www.agawam.ma.us or by contacting the Agawam Planning Office. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the petition of Eric Hollander for a Request for Determination of Applicability on property at 42 Warren Street.

By Order of
Henry A. Kozloski,
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COMMISSION

07/15/2021

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD21P1168PM
In the matter of:
Hortense Murphy aka
Hortense Murphy-Edwards
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/
Minor)
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR
OTHER PROTECTIVE
ORDER PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304 & 5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Heritage Hall East** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Hortense Murphy** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Nancy Godbout** of South Hadley, MA (or some other

suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **07/20/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 22, 2021
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate

07/15/2021

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD18P1946EA
In the matter of:
William F Frain
TRUST CITATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **David W Frain** of Montgomery, MA requesting Respectfully request the Court to order that the Trust has been revoked or is not in effect, allowing the death benefit proceeds to be payable to the Estate of William F. Frain

and any other relief this Court deems necessary and appropriate .

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on 08/05/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 01, 2021
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate

07/15/2021

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD21P1212EA
Estate of:
Patricia J George
Date of Death: 05/06/2021
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Mary Elizabeth Beatrice** of Lynnfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Mary Elizabeth Beatrice** of Lynnfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/27/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of

the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 25, 2021
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate

07/15/2021

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD20P0753GD
In the matter of:
Hortense E Murphy
aka Hortense Murphy-
Edwards
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated
Person
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Heritage Hall East** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Hortense E Murphy aka Hortense Murphy-Edwards** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Nancy Godbout** of South Hadley, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **08/05/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the

written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 01, 2021
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate

07/15/2021

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD21P1131EA
Estate of:
Florence A. McIntyre
Also Known As:
Florence McIntyre
Date of Death:
April 10, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Paul H. Maysek** of New York, NY a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Paul H. Maysek of New York, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal

Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

07/15/2021

Notice of Private Sale
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07/15, 07/22, 07/29/2021

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“This year it just seemed like we couldn’t catch a break at all, just bad luck every week,” Call said. “Glad to get the monkey off our back and get a good run. Joey is just too good everywhere he goes -- I had a couple of times where I showed him the nose, and then he just took off.”

Brown, who entered the race second in points, takes the points lead by 12 over former champion Devin O’Connell heading for the next race.

“We just wanted to have a good run, getting in the top three,” Brown

said. “I can’t thank all of my guys enough, they came down here and worked hard. Hopefully going into our favorite track in the next race will be our chance.”

The Granite State Pro Stock Series returns to racing on Saturday, July 24, at New London-Waterford Speed-bowl. For more information on the Granite State Pro Stock Series, visit gspss.net and follow the series on social media.

RESULTS: Granite State Pro Stock Series at Hudson Speedway; Sunday, July 11, 2021:

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Casey Call

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Gabe Brown

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Cory Casagrande

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Bryan Kruczek

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Mike Mitchell

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Devin O’Connell

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Josh King

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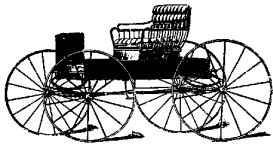
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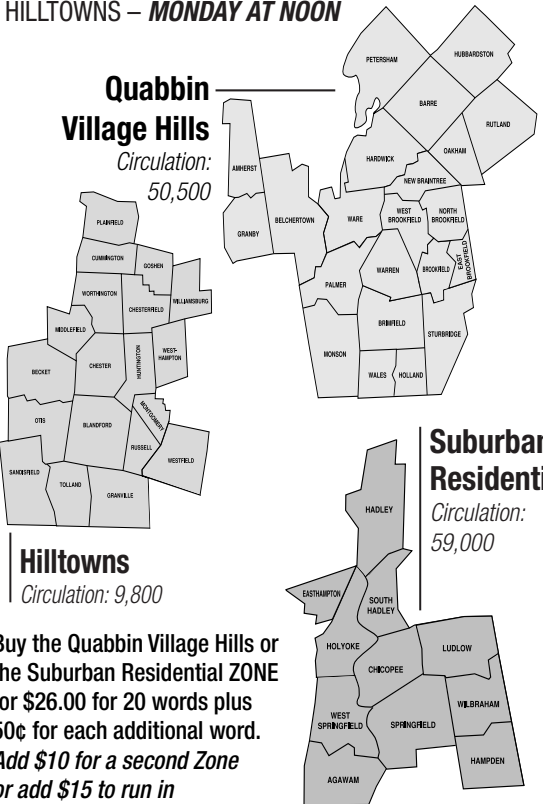
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and South Twin.

Prior to our hike, we sent our itinerary to our children so that they would be aware of our planned route. We also sent them one update per day, knowing that they worry about us when we're out backpacking.

Boy, the tides have turned. It's like we're the teenagers now.

Unbeknownst to us, our 25-year old daughter Emelie decided to surprise us by climbing Galehead Mountain and waiting for us to arrive on the summit. Although she is working on climbing all 48 4,000-footers in New Hampshire, she has never climbed Galehead.

She woke at 2 a.m., drove from Boston to New Hampshire, and arrived at the trailhead at 5 a.m. It was still dark outside. Afraid that she'd miss us, she jumped out of her car and raced past the trailhead sign – never giving it a second glance. She hauled herself up

the five-mile trail toward the summit. Along with her essentials, she was carrying a birthday card, cookies, and chocolate for me as well as a Father's Day card and a thermos of hot coffee for Tom.

As she hiked towards the summit of Galehead Mountain, the terrain reminded her of a hike to the summit of Mt. Garfield that she and I had completed together in 2017. She thought that it was strange that the two trails were so similar, but, intent on reaching the summit of Galehead before we did, she brushed it off.

When she arrived at the summit a few hours from the time she started, she immediately realized her mistake.

On her drive to the mountain in the wee hours of the morning, she had shut off her GPS once she arrived at the dirt road leading to the trailhead. What she failed to realize is that there are TWO trailheads a short distance from each other on the same dirt road. She had parked her car at the first trailhead

sign she reached – never even looking at the sign in her haste to surprise us on the summit.

As she reached the summit, she realized why the trail had looked so familiar. She was standing on Garfield, not Galehead. She had climbed the wrong mountain!

I received her video message when I was standing on South Twin. At first, I was disappointed that I had missed out on seeing my daughter in person on the summit; but when I watched the video message she sent me from two mountains away, my heart filled with gratitude. I couldn't possibly have felt her love more than if she had been standing right beside me.

The birthday surprise never happened, but the gift was not the chocolate, the cookies, or the card. It was the knowledge that my daughter had climbed a mountain for me. We may not have been physically connected, but in that moment, my heart could not have been joined more completely with hers.

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Once we arrived on Bondcliff – the final mountain of our hike – we remained on the summit for over four hours. We placed our Z-Rest sleep pads on a flat rock, laid on our backs, and closed our eyes while the billowing white clouds floated above us.

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